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Applicant: Werner Berger et al.
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Title: Component for Producing Polymer Mixtures Based on Starch, and Process for Producing the Component
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AMENDMENT

The present amendment is filed together with a request for continued examination in response to the office action dated 12/26/2002.

Please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 18-34 are cancelled.

Please add new claims 35-57.

REMARKS

Claims 35 to 57 are pending in the application; claim 18-34 are cancelled.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 18-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ritter* (WO 96/37544) in view of *Krishnan et al.* (US 5,550,465).

The examiner argues that *Ritter* discloses a method for production of

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